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(C) Emboff delivered reftel points on November 24 to Third Secretary Sean Murphy, EU Common Policies at the DFA. Murphy

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said reserving the six-party ITER framework remains under consideration and that the GOI's position will be determined on the ground by the Irish science minister in Brussels.

(Note: Because the Irish foreign ministry is small, delegates to international meetings often have authority to determine policy without instruction from Dublin.)

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